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POETRY.

For the Democrat.

MY MOTHER.

A friend has truly disappeared,
Which caused her children to mourn,
Whose mellow light was long revered,
And kindly influence by them known.
Its beams diffusive round them spread
Their heavenly radiance divine;
And in the Church a halo spread,
Through this highly favored clime.

Thy name lives like a rich perfume
Wafted to us from fragrant flowers;
An incense which survives the tomb,
And reascends to Heaven's own bowers.
I see thee there thou saintly one,
Crowned with a wreath of glory bright;
Thy work accomplished, labors done—
Enrobed in everlasting light.

Star after star will cluster round,
To form a diadem for thee,
Bright trophies of the Gospel's sound,
Gained by thy piety so free.
We caught thy words as thus they fell,
From lips just touched with sacred fire;
Rich music like old ocean's swell,
Or soft Eolian's trembling lyre.

The green-sward waves upon her tomb,
Impaired by nature's dewy tears,
The May-flower there will sweetly bloom,
When Spring's reviving sun appears.
While friendship twines around her urn
The fairest wreath by nature given;
Hopes lambent flame will ceaseless burn,
Till lost in the full blaze of Heaven.

But through those cottage rooms a glow
Is spread—and grief in stillness reigns;
While zephyrs weeping o'er her tomb,
Echo their soft and plaintive strains.
The seal of death is on that brow—
Which glows with wisdom's sunny ray;
That tongue is mute and silent now,
The great, the good, has passed away.

Our loved life left for other climes,
To breathe a more congenial air;
With other saints she sweetly joins,
The triumphs of the cross to share.
The oarsmen of the cross have met,
Forming a constellation bright;
Celestial stars, which never set,
Beaming in uncreated light.

A London paper notices, in general terms, a new and important invention recently made, whereby the use of fire and steam in working and propelling all kinds of machinery is to be superseded. The journal says:—

"The fundamental principle on which the new engine is founded is precisely similar to that of the hydraulic press, the power of which every one knows, can only be limited by the strength of the materials of which it is made. But, what has rendered the power of the hydraulic press inapplicable to the production of motive power is, that just in proportion as the power is gained, speed is lost, and vice versa. In the present invention, however, unlimited power is gained without the loss of speed, the piston of the large cylinder travelling at each stroke, with the power gained, just the same distance as the piston of the lesser cylinder. This power and this speed, which are in inverse ratio of each other, appear to be the most important invention (however paradoxical) actually combined."

Dr. FRANKLIN, it is said, being once in the company of several ladies of the English nobility, after hearing their criticisms on various authors, proposed to read the translation of a pastoral, for their amusement. He read, with a few verbal alterations, the book of Ruth. They were enraptured with the pastoral, and pronounced it the finest they had ever heard. The Doctor then gravely told them he had read it from the Bible—that it dispensed book!

In the village of Amsterdam, on the Mohawk, eighty carpet looms are now in operation, most of them having been erected during the last two years, producing an average of six hundred yards of excellent quality of carpeting, per day, which is sought for in the New York market, at 75 to 80 cents a yard and arrangements are making for the manufacturer of the three ply and Brussels qualities.

"What is it that makes ice cakes, Mich?"
"Och! Larry, but it's you, that's stupid!"
"Don't they bake them in cold oven's to be sure?"
"A contemporary says that he knows a lady whose heel is near—a fool."

SHORT SAYINGS

There is a young lady about town who is so very modest that she will not look at the stars when they are barely perceptible.

Another, who has such sympathetic and tender feelings for the down-trodden and oppressed, that she refuses to wear shoes, because they have soles.

Another, who is so strongly opposed to matrimony that she wishes every person gibbeted who drinks intoxicating liquors, because they are in favor of the cause of "high" men. (Hymen)

Another, who is so extremely opposed to the fashions of the day, that she prays the machinery in our machine shops may cease running, because it makes such a *bustle*.

Another, so enthusiastic in the glorious cause of Temperance, that she fain would see the moon set a better example than that of occasionally "filling her horn."

Another, who is always disgusted at the very sight of a flippant "nice young man," that she wishes surgeons' lancets had never been made, because they often "cut a swell."

There is also a young man about town, who has such an antipathy for patent medicines, that he desires all the ducks in Christendom exterminated, because they are inclined so much to *quack-ery*.

Another who is such a strict Grahamite that he will not keep in his store filberts, and the like articles, because they obtain *meats*.

Another, who has such hatred for the sons of Africa that he will not associate with printers, because they spread light through the agency of *darkness*.

Another, who is so particular as to the character of the company he keeps, that he will not speak to fishermen's sons, because their fathers pursue *seamy* business.

Another, who is so disgusted with the proceedings, trappings and manoeuvres of the two great political parties of the day, that he refrains from attending religious meetings, because there are *organs* there.

Another whose neck is so uncommonly lengthy that he is under the necessity of eating his breakfast the night before, so that it may have time to reach the stomach at the common hour for breakfasting.

Another, so remarkably muscular that, with his pantloons strapped firm under his boots, he can take hold of the hips of them, and lift himself from the earth into the air to any desired distance.

AMERICAN INGENUITY.—We copy from the Albany Argus the following:

"Among the very ingenious American inventions during the last year, there is one in the making of paper, which is thus intelligibly explained:—

"The machine for sticking pins in papers, to which your attention was called last year, although an important improvement in this branch of manufacturing industry, was very imperfect, from the circumstance that the operatives had to arrange the pins with the heads all in one direction—the most troublesome part of the operation, from its excessive tediousness. But this difficulty has been removed; and now, by a simple contrivance, the pins, from the mass put into the hopper, run down two inclined planes, placed at such a distance apart to receive their shank, but not the head; and this way, with the point down, they are delivered in the machine, which sticks them in the papers for market."

"This invention is of some moment, as heretofore the expense of sticking them by hand alone, most precluded the hope of a successful competition with the European workshops. The American manufacturer is now enabled to make a better article even than can be made in England. The annual importations into this country have been, previously, thousands of dollars."

At the time of the earthquake, in 1811, Major K. was amusing himself at a game of euche, in which he delighted, with some of his friends. The shock, at this moment, was so severe, as to cause his friends to spring to their feet and make for the door. "Play out the hand—play out the hand," cried the Major. "Earthquake, Major, earthquake," replied some one. "Well," was his cool advice, "let it quake—you can't stop it."

Virtue is both a title and an estate, a title the most exalted because it is God who confers it; and estate the most rich, because it endures forever. Envy may not derogate the title, because it is written in the book of Heaven and fraud cannot diminish the estate, because no sin can reach it.

Life is like the field of blackberry and raspberries bushes. Mean people squat down and pick the fruit, no matter how they black their fingers; while genius, proud and perpendicular, strides fiercely on, and gets nothing but scratches and holes torn in their trousers.

Never look at the girls. Oh, no, they can't bear to be looked at; they regard it as an insult. They wear their fine feathers and bustles merely to gratify their manias, that's all.

"Pa, what do potatoes have eyes for?"
"So they can see how to grow."
"Beans don't have eyes, and they grow."
"Yes, but they come wrong end up."

"They are making fine of tobacco leaves in Virginia. Pretty ones, too, and fashionable, so it is said."

A contemporary says that he knows a lady whose heel is near—a fool.

A NOVEL IDEA.—Some wisecracks in New-York, proposes, with all the gravity imaginable, a plan of establishing a magnetic telegraph between the Old and New World. The *modus operandi* is given in the paper. It is to prepare a copper wire, the size of a pipe-stem, and long enough to reach from Nova Scotia to the coast of Ireland, to be wound upon rods, and arranged on board a steamship so as to be reeled off as fast as the boat went, and dropped the whole width of the Atlantic. Its gravity, the projector calculates, would sink to the depth where water was so dense as to be of equal gravity, and, of course, where it would be beyond the reach of any kind of collision. The steamship Great Britain could carry more wire of the size, than would extend to Europe, and its cost would be something less than a million of dollars. Well, when this is done, we shall believe it can be done, and before.

PATRICK AND HIS EMPLOYER. The following conversation recently took place in the merchantile house in one of our large cities:

"Patrick have you placed those hogsheds of sugar?"

"Yes, sir; and d'ye know how the customers used to brother me, by always taking the back hogsheds?"

"Yes, Patrick."

"Well, I have fixed them so that they'll not brother me any more."

"How is that, Patrick?"

"Why, I've put all the back hogsheds in front sure."

THE SCALP-HUNTER.

From the Knickerbocker for April.

A SEMI-HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Far be it from me to detract from the fair fame of our ancestors. Least of all would I cast any reflection on those frontier heroes, the memory of whose exploits lives in the homely chronicles of Drake, or in the "collections" of some Historical Society; or faintly survives in mouldering pages of some obscure MS. Yet, if the truth be told, their valiant deeds were not so widely achieved under true patriotism. The backwoodsman of a century since, sometimes hunted Indians from the same motives that urges those of our time to hunt wolves; viz: the bounty on scalps. In the year of which I propose to treat, 1724, the bounty in New Hampshire was five recollections do not fail me, ten pounds; not an eighth part of the sum which peaceful and scrupulous Pennsylvania long afterward offered. In the day of her distress, when the savages of the West broke in upon her frontier. How far such measures are consonant with religion and morality, is a question which I gladly leave to be decided by pious philanthropists, who can form no conception of the circumstances that made them necessary; for I propose merely to relate plain facts, and leave reflections and inferences to my betters. Should I be called upon to produce authority for what I say, I am permitted to refer to an ancient manuscript diary, kept by the Rev. Phineas W. Stone, of Portsmouth, and preserved in the small but valuable library of the New Hampshire Society. This, however, relates merely to the earlier part of our narrative. The remainder must be regarded as a character somewhat less authentic, as it rests solely on the authority of a tradition preserved by a few old squaws of the St. Francis tribe; one of whom, ever good-humored and loquacious, told the story at a hunting-camp near Lake Mazanite.

A party of the tribe just mentioned came in July, 1724, to work their usual butcheries upon the back settlers of New Hampshire. Eight white men undertook to chastise them, and secure the bounty. The savages were now retiring, which they do with remarkable celerity, and in an unusual direction. The whites plunged into the forest after them. For nearly a fortnight they hung on their rear, unable to find a good opportunity to attack. They traced them past Wimpussagee; and from the top of Red Mountain saw them cross the beautiful lake beyond, in two canoes, made hastily of bark for the purpose. Again striking their trail, they followed it some twenty miles farther, into the recesses of those wild mountains that stretch from the present town of Conway towards the great lakes of New England hills. Meanwhile the savages lost all suspicion of pursuit, as was evident from their careless manner of encamping, and the profusion of game which the frontier men found around their smouldering fires.

One hot afternoon the party came to the brow of a precipitous hill, looking northward, which commanded a wide prospect of forests and lonely mountains. In all probability there was no human being within the range of a dozen leagues save themselves and their destined prey. In its terrible solitude it was a scene of more than Alpine sublimity; but what chiefly interested the hunters was a smoke that rose dense and distinct through the thick carpet of boughs at the bottom of a deep valley just below them. The afternoon sun was beating powerfully on the cliff where they sat, and filling the sultry air with the resinous odors of the spruce and pine that grew around. They watched till it had sunk behind the bristling fires on the ridge of the western mountain; and then as the usual crimson hue of an American sunset, which had suffused the whole landscape turned to a gray obscurity, and the half-starved wolves began to call and reply from opposite hills, they descended and grouped their way towards their victims. With great difficulty and danger they managed to surround the fires of the savages. Their motives were none

of the most magnanimous, it is true; but one cannot help admiring the hardihood of thus assailing a very superior force in a wilderness whose savage features were of themselves sufficient to fill with awe and terror any but the manliest hearts.

It is useless to dwell on the incidents of the ignoble and desperate conflict that followed. The white men had to lie flat on the ground for hours before the last savage had wrapped himself in his blanket, and laid down. They counted eleven Indians around the two fires. It was now near midnight; the damp air of the forest was very chill, and the fires had sunk to glowing piles of coals, that shed a dim ruddy light on the sleepers, the mossy trunks of the trees, and the thick undergrowth around the spot. The leader of the whites was about to give the signal, when an Indian turned in his sleep, murmuring and finally arose; awakened apparently by the cold. Dropping his blanket, he approached the fire, and stirred the embers with a stick; when a stream of crackling light flew upwards, illuminating for a moment the distorted boughs and shadowy leaves. This sudden light was answered by a scream so piercing and unearthly that the ferocious frontier men started at their posts; and with a loud flapping of wings among the branches overhead, a huge dark bird sailed off into the depths of the forest. The Indian immediately took a handful of tobacco from a pouch by his side, and scattered it on the coals, as an offering to the Great Horned Owl, whose supposed connection with the divinites of his national mythology procured it this remarkable honor. This was the poor fellow's last act of piety. At that instant, the white men poured upon the sleepers a deadly fire and bursting in with a fierce shout, bent down those who rose with axes and rifles. Of the eleven, all but two were killed at the camp, or at a short distance from it. One of these two bounded into the dark woods and escaped; the other was soon traced to a neighboring wind-fall, where no man could follow him, among the decayed trunks and roots and tangled branches. The dogs of the white men, however, soon penetrated into its depths, killed the wounded wretch, and drew him out.

This was a deed achieved, of which the reverend gentleman before mentioned speaks in his diary with high praise, as an act of eminent service to God and man. The actors themselves felt well satisfied. Having peeled the trophy from each head, they tossed the carcasses into the bed of a cold and sluggish rivulet, that flowing from the clear springs in the heart of some granite mountain, glided lazily hard by half hid by fallen trees, decaying logs and mosses, and the abundant vegetation that sprang from the rich forest soil. There they left them to be nibbled by the minute trout that darted in the pure icy waters; while seated around the rekindled fires, they ate the moose meat which the Indians had left, and refreshed themselves with draughts from their canteens. They ate and drank with the spirits of a party of successful wolf-hunters; and when laid down, they sleep the sound sleep of toil.

But the morning brought reflection and regrets. They grumbled over their bad luck. One savage had escaped. The most prominent figure in their group was an old man, who sat on a log, leaning lazily forward, with his elbows on his knees, while he extracted the rich marrow from a thigh-bone of moose with his jack-knife. A little straw hat was stuck jauntily on one side of his grey bristly head; his leathery countenance expressed a kind of reckless good humor, which his present discontent did not wholly banish; though you might see that his features could readily assume the expression of anger and even ferocity. He was venting his wrath and uneasiness through his toothless jaws, in a succession of outbursts and injurious expressions, uttered by no means in a surly manner, but in a reckless, boastful spirit, that survived his youth. "This old reprobate was eager for gain; had a keen relish for the chase; and was desirous, moreover, to exhibit his superiority to his fellow sportsmen. These motives combined to produce the resolution he presently expressed, to set out alone, and not rest till he had taken the scalp from the head of the remaining Indian. So, calling his dogs and shouldering his gun, he calmly marched away, without a word of leave-taking on either side; after that cold manner which his countrymen seem to have caught from their extirpated enemies, the aborigines, and which often hides as warm a heart as ever beat in the breast of man. His companions returned with great glory to the settlements, whither we will not follow; but turn to pursue the old man on his adventurous quest.

For four days, the staunch huntsman tracked the game northward, through forests and over mountains. Whatever were his faults he was not one of them. Neither the howling of beasts nor the deep solitude of his situation, nor any scene of ferocious pursuit, ever disturbed his rest. With his dogs for sentinels, he slept as quietly as on a bed of spruce boughs, to the music of some stream, as on the stars of his own frontier cabin. His hardened muscles were never fatigued, and he struggled from sunrise to sunset through tangled brushwood and obscure ravines; over decaying logs, and the thousand pitfalls and impediments that annoy the forest traveller. His course lay always through the obscurity and dimness of the dense wood; except at times, when he would hear the noise of a stream below him, and emerge from the forest darkness into a beautiful sunset vista of trees and flowing waters. At such times, he could see that as he proceeded, the mountains grew winder and higher, and closed gradually around him.

Late one afternoon, when he had all day toiled stubbornly on in twilight, and was looking up

ward to catch glimpses of the bright sky through the leaves, he heard again the sound of water, and by the transparency in the stream of maple saplings before him, he knew the opening was near at hand. In a moment he put aside the slender boughs, and stepped out into the broad stony bed of the Saco, just where it emerges from the Notch of the White Mountains. It was a wild and beautiful scene. The trembling water's long lines of birch trees, maples and beeches that reached their branches over it; stiff pines that shot up into the air above them; the great piles of granite crags that rose from the woods, bristling with firs, three thousand feet sheer upward, all were, tinged with the crimson of approaching evening; all lay in the quiet of the wilderness, which the ripple and murmur of the stream only made more impressive.

The old man did not trouble himself with the scenery. His feelings were those of bitter vexation; for he knew himself close upon his game, and here the savage had taken to the water and thrown his dogs off the seat. He crawled into the wide and shallow stream, and wading up to the middle; sent a dog on either bank to search for the lost track. The very first angle he turned showed him his prey, wading naked and unarmed, for he had fled from the massacre without his gun. The old hunter could not repress a cry of fierce exultation, which the sleeping mountains prolonged; then as the unhappy savage leaped splashing to the bank, he followed close, and set his dogs again on the track. They made the woods resound with their fearful baying; the old man held his gun poised for a shot; and the trio dashed on at a pace at which that tangled wood was never traversed before or since. He often tripped and fell; the thorns and branches tore away fragments of his clothing and bared his gray head. Twilight soon came on. The old human blood-hound cared for none of these things. At length, suddenly and unexpectedly, he broke out from the woods, upon a broad surface of rocks, stones, and gravel, interspersed with stunted bushes; while at a little distance on the right stood a forest of dead trees, bare and white, seeming in the dim light like a host of skeletons. All around towered high mountains, half clothed with shaggy forests; and their precipitous crags, old weather-strains; and scars of avalanches, gave them the aspect of savage desolation. The old hunter scarcely saw them. All that met his eye was the slender figure of the Indian, leaping like a frightened deer towards the base of the mountain on the left. He dashed after him at full speed over piles of rock and stone, strewn by the ancient avalanche over the narrow valley, where none but a sleep-walker, or such a frantic sportsman, could have passed in safety. It was in the Notch close to the place where the unfortunate Willets afterwards met their fate.

The game soon began to ascend the mountain, choosing the place where the avalanche had come down, and cut for itself a pathway, resembling in all but its depth the bed of a torrent. These mountains are every where channelled with such ravines, which often extend from top to the bottom, and seem at a little distance like deep gashes cut in their sides. Most of them expand and grow shallow as they approach the base, where the torrent of earth and stone spreads itself over the valley. Such was the case in the present instance. The Indian bounded up; the hunter and dogs followed. The sides of the ravine rapidly approached each other, and grew more abrupt and high; the ascent became steeper and more perilous. A little stream that trickled down the narrow and steep passage-way, and spread itself over the smooth rocks, made the foothold very precarious. The dogs were soon brought up. They stopped at the foot of a deep-pitch of the rock, against which they pawed vain efforts to ascend, and made the rocks echo with their cries. The eager old man climbed on. The sides of the ravine now towered over his head leaving only a strip of the darkening sky visible between their opposite edges. His efforts soon brought him to a height whence the baying of the dogs sounded up the passage joint and distant. He caught frequent glimpses of the Indian, scrambling on before him; and once, getting a fair sight, he fired. The mountain bellowed back the report; but the Indian climbed on unhurt. Still the old man gained rapidly on him, clenching his jaws together with eagerness and longing.

At length, however, a long reach of the ravine stretched upward in the obscurity before him. He looked and saw nothing of his prey. Furious with anger and disappointment at the renewed activity of the savage, he pressed on faster than before. A smooth rock, nearly perpendicular, soon arrested his progress. He did not dream of pausing, but began to work his way up the dangerous precipice, with his mind occupied with the sole thought of overtaking and slaying the Indian. With every faculty at its utmost tension, availing himself of every little point and crevice, he did what no man else could have done; he climbed halfway up the steep wet face of the rock; but here he was obliged to pause; and for the first time, his blood cooled, and he was conscious of the peril of his situation. He moved his hand to the right and to the left, over the rock, clummy with the spreading water of the little streamlet, and found scarcely a crevice large enough to thrust a finger into, or a projection that a foot could rest against. He looked up; the edge of the precipice was twenty feet above his head. He looked down, there were the sharp projecting angles of the rocky sides of the ravine, and below, all lay in deep blackness, like a bottomless gulf. He tried to descend; but moving his foot vainly from side to side, searching for the place where he had last rested when he was climbing up. To ascend was now impossible enough.

to descend impossible. His hair began to bristle. He listened, and heard from below the faint bay- ing of the hounds. Hitherto, he had clung to his gun by a sort of instinct, but now he let it drop. The oaken stock struck at the foot of the cliff with a dull shock, and splintered to pieces; there was a pause for an instant, and then came the clanging rattle of the barrel, as it bounded from side to side of the ravine, down the mountain. The old man thought he must soon follow it, and the thought gave him desperation. His alterna- tive was to be dashed to pieces, or to gain the top of the rock; and to this fearful task he ap- plied himself. His success was almost miracu- lous, as those who have seen the place will con- fess. He did reach the top; and all his limbs were aching with the strong and continued strain of every muscle; the ends of his fingers were worn to the bone; the flesh was rubbed from his knees; and his heart throbbed with a violence that though itself when he was climbing almost choked him when he laid himself down at the top. Poor wretch! It would have been bet- ter for him had he fallen. The level rock he had attained was not eight feet across. Beyond it rose up another precipice, full sixty feet high, perpendicular, smooth and wet; while on each side the lofty walls of the ravine destroyed every chance of escape. The old scalp hunter was caught in his own trap. There was not a civilized man within more than ninety miles. It is useless to dwell on his fate. In the morn- ing he looked down the frightful gorge in front and on the cliffs that imprisoned him, to see if no possibility of escape offered; for till then his hardy spirit had not quite despaired. The day- light dispelled every shadow of hope. At the edge of the ravine, a hundred feet over him his startled eye encountered a human face peering down upon him from behind a stunted pine that projected over the Gulf. It was the Indian, who had seated himself there to exult in the fate of his enemy.

The old man spent two days in his prison. The afternoon of the second day was peculiarly beautiful; the atmosphere had a softness not common in New England; and while the west- ern mountains seemed enveloped in a blue, transparent haze, the warm sunlight poured full on the rugged slopes to the east. The desolate valley wore the mildest aspect its savage features could put on; like a sleeping warrior dreaming of his home. The evening brought a change. A thunder-gust came up, and in a few moments filled every gully and ravine with foaming waters, and drift-logs drifting down to the valley. The old man was swept from his place in an instant, but the watchful Indian found him next morning wedged under a rock; and a week after his grey hairs were fluttering in the wind from the top of a cabin in the Indian village of St. Francis, by the side of the St. Lawrence.

The Indians, it is well known, believed these mountains the abode of a malignant spirit; and this, they say, was the greeting he gave to the first white man who ever found his way into the Notch.

A COMMON INQUIRY.

"What does that young man do for a living?" is the common inquiry, as some fopish, well dressed individual passes by. "Nothing—no- thing at all," is the frequent reply. But what supports him in his extravagance? None can tell—but we being a yankee, have the privilege of guessing. That young man who dresses in fine broadcloth, carries a cane, and is so ex- tremely polite to all his acquaintances—espe- cially the ladies—is the son of a man of mod- erate circumstances, who finds it difficult to sus- tain himself with a moderate income. His son wishes to be a gentleman, and to live without labor. The father in his folly, refuses to put him to a trade or send him to work on a farm, hoping that something may turn up by and by, when business will be better, for his son to ob- tain a good living without work. He is now obliged to dispend with the luxuries of life—perhaps with some of its comforts—for his son to keep up appearances, and go into good so- ciety, as that kind of company is termed, where young men have nothing to do but dress ac- cording to the latest fashion. He is quite in- dependent, and uses language to his seniors that might be considered uncourteous for a king. He faces all classes and conditions without a blush, and dares to look with contempt upon the honest apprentice, whose generous soul would outweigh a thousand as high as his own. The companions he chooses are like himself, puffed up with vanity, swelling with impor- tance, and who make a pretence of doing some- thing, by occasionally visiting a lawyer's office, to read a page or two of Blackstone. The end of such a youth requires no prophetic vision to see. "It is as plain as the way to market," as Dr. Franklin would say, that he would turn out a low, dissipated and miserable tool. Per- haps the penitentiary will bring him up—per- haps the gallows. But if he escapes these, it will be to hang like an incubus on those of his friends who for pity's sake have not the heart to send him where he deserves.

The above is a true picture of many of the young men who may be seen daily in our streets. You meet them at every corner, in all public resorts, at all parties of pleasure—riding, sailing, talking, laughing, joking eter- nally; apparently with money enough, more impudence, and less brains. But how they all contrive to keep body and soul together, with- out work, always spending and never earning, we confess is sometimes a mystery to us. When a project of pleasure is talked of, the ex- penses are last thought of and the least consid- ered. Of one thing we are certain, that they are fast verging to a nation of paupers. It is impossible for a people to live long in idleness, enjoying the luxuries and the blessings of life, without gradually diminishing the resources of comfort and wealth. Be prosperous as a peo- ple, each must do his part—at least do suffi- cient labor to gain his own support.

Parents are very guilty in this matter. They should not permit their great lubberly boys to

hang on them for support, when they are well- able to labor, and when to work would promote their health and make them cheerful and hap- py. You do them a mighty wrong, while you dandle them in folly and nurture them in ex- travagance, and tell them how many they ap- pear, when you know—you must know—the deleterious consequences. If your great boys will not work, you should not support them.

GOOD BREEDING.

The following hints are offered by some crit- ic, who has been a close observer of men and manners. He thinks it an important subject, and asks the attention of all the careless to the list of transgressions.

"Loud and harsh speaking, making noises in eating or drinking, leaning awkward while sitting, rattling knives and forks when at table, starting up suddenly and rushing unceremoni- ously out of the room, tossing any thing away with indifference or contempt, receiving any thing without thanking the giver, standing in the way of any one when there is little room to pass, stepping before any one who is looking at any object particularly, pushing or jostling any one without apologizing, taking possession of a seat that belongs to another, intruding opin- ions when they are not sought or where they give offence, leaving acquaintances in the street or in a private circle without bidding good bye, or courteously saluting them, slapping any one familiarly on the shoulder, interrupting a per- son who is in conversation, telling long tedious, or humdrum stories, whispering in company, making remarks on the dress of those about you, or upon things in a room where you are, flatly contradicting a person, using slang phras- es, (a very common habit,) interlarding our speech with foreign phrases, (well bit off in the new comedy fashion,) repeating the words, says he and says she, you know and you un- derstand, helping yourself first at the table, using your fork as a toothpick, scratching the head, putting the fingers in the ears, cleaning the nails before company, mentioning the price of any thing when offered to a guest, asking questions which give pain, and neglect- ing to answer letters."

HENRY IV OF FRANCE. Henry read with pleasure every thing that was published con- cerning his operations, for under his reign every one enjoyed free liberty of speaking, writing, and printing, and truth, which he sought after everywhere, came in her turn, even to the throne to seek him. The greatest compliment which can be paid to kings, is to believe them worthy to attend to her voice. Unhappy must that reign be where the history of it is obliged to conceal its author. L'Etoile relates that Henry having read the book called the Anti-Soldier, asked his Secretary of State, Villeroi, if he had seen this work, and upon this replying in the negative, "It is right you should see it," said he, "for it is a book which takes me finely to task; but it is still more se- vere on you." He was desired to punish an au- thor who had written some satires upon the Court. "It would be against my conscience," said this good Prince, "to trouble an honest man for having told the truth."

Of Geology. What is geology? The sci- ence of breakign stones.

What is a geologists capital? A pocket full of rocks.

What description of stone has been most sought after? The philosopher's.

Has it ever been found? Frequently.

Where? In a barn.

Where deposited? In a bat.

From what does it proceed? Quarts.

What is a petrification? Rather a hard party.

Where does granite lie? In beds.

What is a stratum? A layer of any thing.

Mention one. A hen. Another. A ship—she lays too. Mention a better. A layer of wages.

What is flint? A miser's heart.

Can you break it? Yes. How? Open his chest.

What is chalk? The milk of human kind- ness. Also the organic formation of a scorp, whether applied to a slat or the end of a bill- iard cue. [Bost. Post.]

Sam. Jonsoniana. "I-I-r'd gib five dollars to any gemman what would point the noxious individual what frowed dat freed cat at me."

AN ARMY OF EMIGRANTS.—News from Inde- pendence, Mo., informs us, says the Cincin- nati Atlas, that the emigrants now near that point number about 7000, all destined for Ore- gon and California. They will start about the same time, divided into convenient companies for travelling with ease and safety. The Indi- ans will not attack a party of five hundred. Of course the emigrants this season, stand in no fear of the red skins. It is astonishing what a tide is setting towards the fertile lands on the Pacific.

POINT OF NO VARIATION.—There is a point in which the magnetic needle points directly to the north star. That point is the one from which the variations of the surveying compasses are ad- justed on the United States surveys. The govern- ment requires that this variation be calculated every so many miles distant from a given point, either east or west of the line of no variation; as the case may be, and said variation must be noted on the minutes of the survey. While on the nu- merous surveys we have assisted hundreds of times in taking this variation. It is a very sim- ple process and can be done by any ordinary sur- veyor any clear night in the year. But there is something very peculiar about this line of no va-

riation. Some years since it was near Erie and Pittsburg, Pa., extending in a zigzag line from the Frozen ocean to the gulf of Mexico. By the many observations made it has been ascertained that this line of no variation is moving westward. Prof. Locke of this city, informs us that by a new instrument, just completed for him, he has taken the variation here and finds it to be four de- grees and four minutes distant of the true meri- dian. Jan. 1835, Prof. Locke took an observa- tion and found the variation to be five degrees and fifteen minutes, showing that the point of no variation must be approaching Wheeling and is proceeding westwardly. No one can be satisfied of this fact without wondering what great change is going on, for certainly this phenomenon indi- cates a change in the position of the earth or its nature, or the north star. Some of these things must be changing according to these calculations. Cincinnati Commercial.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

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THE COMING ELECTION.

Our next State election is one of much importance and should early receive the attention of our political friends. The Democracy have just fought a hard contested battle, which resulted in a glorious victory over our opponents; but the result of that contest should not lull our friends into the belief that the ancient enemy of their principles is annihilated, or even seriously crippled, for such is not the fact. The enemy was soundly beaten, 'tis true—the high hopes they had formed of victory and the spoils of the con- queror were suddenly cast down to the lowest de- pair—they seemed to give themselves up to their fate with the most Christian resignation—the party was apparently abandoned for awhile; but it was only a ruse; it was not dead, it only slept; and slept to wake with ten-fold fury, prompted by the malice of revenge. New hopes begin to warm them into new life. They are at their dirty work again. Restless, fault-finding and incapable of being satisfied with anything that comes from a Democratic source, its constant clamor and noise is hardly worthy of notice. Falsehood, cal- umny and vituperation are its principal weapons, and used unsparingly. Our present Governor must be a great villain according to their accounts, and not only the Governor, but the Honorable Council, and nine- tenths of the Legislature. The Whig presses abound in Munchausen stories, got up to alarm and deceive the unwary and unsuspecting. Such stories are pe- riodically to be expected, and is the only capital they deign to use—and a capital with which their Magazines are abundantly supplied. They have al- ready opened their batteries upon the Democracy by assailing the characters of individuals who stand high in the affections of the party. 'Tis their usual mode of attack—their vocation. Their object is, as any one with half an eye can see, to deceive the unsus- pecting and credulous portion of the Democracy—to disaffect them—to divide and distract the party, in order to secure the State, especially the Legislature. This will secure Mr. Evans a seat in the U. S. Senate for another six years. The importance of having his place filled with a Democrat cannot be over estimat- ed, when it is recollected that he is one of the most active, persevering, and inveterate supporters of all the odious doctrines of federalism in that body. The fact that he misrepresents a large majority of the peo- ple of this State has no influence upon him to soften the inveterate hatred he possesses against every thing Republican. One of the questions for the Democracy to settle at the next election is whether they will per- mit this man to misrepresent them in the Senate of the nation, or whether they will be truly represent- ed by a Democrat. The Whigs understand their game well, and are already preparing for a desperate con- test. It therefore behoves the Democracy to be on the alert, and remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty."

We copy the following article in relation to this subject from the Bangor Democrat. It is just, and to the point. We commend it to our readers.

IMPORTANCE OF OUR NEXT ELEC- TION, AS AFFECTING THE ELECTION OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

There is no subject to which we can more profitably call the attention of our readers than the importance of our next state election. Upon the Legislature then to be chosen, will devolve the election of a United States Senator in the place of Mr. Evans. It is certainly of the utmost consequence that this State should have its full weight in the most important branch of the na- tional legislature. This has heretofore for a great length of time, been lost at least in the de- cision of all questions upon which there has been a difference of opinion between the two great political parties of the country. To send, as Maine has done, one Senator to vote one way and another to vote the opposite, amounts to just about the same thing as not being represented at all in the United States Senate. Are the people of this State willing to have their voice in the ac- tion of this important body thus nullified and lost? If not it depends upon themselves to correct the evil by choosing such a State Legislature as will elect a good democrat to fill the place now oc- cupied by Mr. Evans.

How has it happened that this State, in which there is a large majority of Democratic voters, should thus suffer the political wishes and will of that majority to be sacrificed term after term in the election of one of its Senators to congress?

Year after year the democrats remain firm and faithful to their principles and return to a democ- ratic Legislature but, periodically when a U. S. Senator is to be chosen, an unaccountable ap- athy or foolish distraction comes over the party, causing it to lose sight of one of its most impor- tant duties—That of a vigilant and united action in the State election. The consequence has been that once in six years our political oppo- nents have succeeded in beating us at the polls and securing for the succeeding six years one of the U. S. Senators. Whose fault is it that the Senate is continually thus destroyed? We wish not to impute blame to any individual man or set of men. But blame in this respect will cer-

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The New Orleans Crescent City mentions as an an- tidote that Robert Tyler, Esq., has in the press "The Road to Oblivion," a family drama in four acts, dedicated to Despair, and illustrated with an outside view of the White House.

Gen. Jackson informed Francis P. Blair, late editor of the Globe, in a letter dated April 9th, that he had left all his papers to him, and requested him to use them in vindicating his character should it be assailed.

The woods near Glasborough, N. J., were set on fire Saturday week, by some accident, and about 3000 acres of pine timber, amounting to \$20,000, was destroyed.

British troops are said to be moving into Western Canada, near the Michigan frontier.

A duel is said to be on the tapis between John Tyler, Jr., and a young southern gentleman.

There has been nineteen fires in New York city since the first of May.

Cucumbers, Cherries, Strawberries and cream were served up at the National Hotel, Washington, 9th inst.

The Washington Union states officially that there is to be no Extra Session of Congress.

Glazed caps have taken all Yankeddoodledom by the head. So says the man of the Bangor Courier.

SCOLD AWAY.

The Richmond Whig, one of the most rabid federal papers in the country, thus feelingly dis- courses about the disastrous result of the recent election of the feds, in Virginia: It is amusing—

"They (the Lyon Whigs) have given to Loco- focism, undoubtedly, a triumph which it will value next after the defeat of Henry Clay! They have given us the mass of the old Whig party here and through the State, the melancholy con- viction, that the cause of order and regulated lib- erty, is destined to eternal defeat, not so much from the strength of the open foe, as the secret treachery of some of its own members; who, too cowardly to acknowledge the mediated treach- ery effect by dark and secret means, what they distrust not attempt openly and above board!"

"We consider this the heaviest blow which the Whig party in Virginia has ever received."

"In the present case here in Richmond, they have a new source of triumph, Feeble and even contemptible in numbers, they have triumphed by the force of discipline and concert in all their first views and wishes! They defeat—their first and dearest wish—John Miller Batts, they ac- complished their next dearest wish—the defeat of the Whig party of the city, in the person of Hen- ry L. Brooke!—More than all—they fix upon the Whig party here, through its stupidity and their close adherence to party order, a split, which promises well to rankle like a thorn in the flesh, and to preclude the entire State!"

"We wish we were, and could conscientiously be Democrats! We admire that party. There are no traitors in its ranks, and what is better still for them, no asses—for we had rather have to do even with a traitor, than an ass, above all a conceited ass! Yes, we love and respect them, not for their errors—but for their manly and straight-forward bearing in support of what they think is right! Their firmness and loyalty con- trast proudly with Whig vacillation, and will, until Whigs learn a lesson from them continue to secure them the sceptre."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

The recent demonstrations in Parliament upon the subject of Oregon, have been met by the presses and the people of this country in the right spirit. The response of the press has been very generally received, and with very few exceptions, Democrats and Whigs, with patriotic firmness, are determined to support the President in the sentiments and the principles of his inau- gural, which seems to have caused the British statesmen to assume such a sudden attitude of defiance Mr. Polk has thus the gratifying as- surance, not only that his sentiments are approved by the great majority of the American peo- ple, but that he will be sustained with ready and unyielding firmness, and at all hazards in his efforts to defend our rights, or to adjust our title to the Territory of Oregon.

The imprudent and excited language used in the British Parliament, and by the British press, will not have the least effect in retarding all rea- sonable efforts on the part of the Administration to settle by negotiation, and upon the most ami- cable terms, the whole subject in dispute. We know that it was the purpose of Mr. BUCHANAN to take up the question exactly where Mr. CAL- HOUN had left it, and to press it with all his abil- ity, prudence, and zeal, to the earliest possible conclusion. That purpose, we learn, has in no wise changed, but negotiations are still in pro- gress. Certainly, a people who stand ever ready to vindicate their rights by the extreme and dreadful appeal to physical force, can but rejoice if the whole question shall be adjusted upon terms honorable and satisfactory to both nations. Most sincerely do we trust that such may yet be its final and peaceful termination.—Constitution.

THE MONTREAL RAIL ROAD.

A meeting of the Corporators was held on Saturday evening, agreeable to adjournment; and the Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Regulations as to the time, mode, &c. of opening the Books, made a long Report, which we hope to give in full hereafter. 'Tis time fixed for opening the Books, is the 30th of June next.

The enquiry may be made, why the time is so far removed from the present. We presume it is fixed on the 30th for good reasons; one of which may be that the surveys may be completed—and another, that there may be time enough to send the fact across the Atlantic, by the steamer and get return news,—so that, if there be foreign cap- ital intended for investment in this great enter- prise, it may be accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned to this Evening. Argus.

THE HAWK AND WEASEL.

An occurrence, not altogether unprecedented, but somewhat interesting, was noticed by Mr. John Vincent, in the neighborhood of Opequon, a few weeks since. Mr. V.'s attention was drawn to the movements of a hawk, sailing round and round in the air, as if in quest of prey, when suddenly it descended to the ground, and seizing some object, went up again in triumph. But a few moments elapsed, when the hawk was seen to descend the second time, with even more rapidity than the first, and as if impelled by something more than its own volition.

Upon examination, Mr. Vincent found that the vulture had in its first effort taken up a weasel, which he soon found to be a "rough customer," the latter having inserted its fangs into the jugular of its adversary, and brought the proud bird bleeding and lifeless to the earth.

So much for attempting to "catch a weasel asleep." The moral may not be lost upon ambitious politicians. Let each one beware in his flights of ambition, that in attempting to surprise and capture an opponent, he does not take up with him an enemy who may soon pierce his vitals, and bring him back to "the vile dust from which he sprang."—Winchester Republican.

U. S. JOURNAL.—The Madisonian, the brilliant organ of the two Johns—John Tyler and John Jones, and for a time Daniel Webster, has ceased to exist, and from its ashes has arisen an able and very promising sheet, the United States Journal, conducted by Messrs. Theophilus Fisk and Jesse E. Dow. It is a thoroughly democratic sheet, and will no doubt at once receive popular favor. Mr. Fisk is very well known as the editor of the Old Dominion, and Mr. Dow from his numerous poetical contributions to the periodicals of the day.

A correspondent of the National Intelligencer says, that by some process akin to Kyanizing, invented and patented in this country and in England by Dr. Lardner and James Davison, Esq., provisions are cured in New York in a way to "acquire superior qualities, the juices being retained, which by the ordinary method are expelled;" or that a bullock is slaughtered, put into an air tight vessel, the gases that promote putrefaction pumped out, and driven into and through the meat by hydraulic pressure, and there you have it thoroughly cured and ready for mastication or exportation in twenty-four hours.

A correspondent of the New York Courier and Enquirer, communicates the following fact: "How few of our war-dogs are aware that at Bermuda, the British Government has constructed within a few years past, a spacious harbor for the accommodation of their squadrons, that for several years they have employed a fleet of colliers in making it a depot of coal; that they have also in store the armament, and duplicates of important parts of machinery for every steamer under her flag, now navigating the Atlantic and the Caribbean; and in addition to the large supplies of military stores, that they keep constantly on foot 4,000 head of cattle."

TASTE FOR READING.

IT were to pray for a taste that should stand by me in steady every variety of circumstances, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life, and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss, and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. I speak of it, of course, only as a worldly advantage, and not in the slightest degree derogating from the higher office and sure and stronger panoply of religious principles, but as a taste, an instrument, and a mode of pleasurable gratification. Give a man this taste and he will make him a happy man, unless, indeed you put into his hands a most perverse selection of books. You place him in contrast with the best society in every period of history; with the wisest, the witest, with the tenderest, the bravest, and the purest character who have adorned humanity. You make him a denizen of all nations—a contemporary of all ages. The world has been created for him. It is hardly possible but the character should take a higher and better tone from the constant habit of associating in thought with a class of thinkers, to say the least of it above the average of humanity. It is morally impossible but that the manners should take a tinge of good breeding and civilization, from having constantly before our eyes the way in which the best bred and best informed men have talked and conducted themselves in their intercourse with each other. There is a gentle, but perfectly irresistible coercion, in a habit of reading, well directed, over the whole tenor of a man's character and conduct, which is not the less effective because it works insensibly, and because it is really the last thing he dreams of. It cannot be better summed up than in the words of the Latin poet: "Emoluit mores, nec sinit esse teros," it civilizes the conduct of men, and suffers them not to remain barbarous.—Sir J. Herschell.

Books before the Invention of Printing.—In the ninth century, Albert abbot of Gemblours, who, with incredible labor and immense expense, had collected a hundred volumes on theological and fifty on profane subjects, believed he had formed a splendid library. At the beginning of the tenth century, books were so scarce in Spain, that one copy of the Bible served several distinct monasteries. In 1207, the bishop of Winchester borrowed of his cathedral convent the Bible with marginal annotations, for the due return of which he was obliged to give a bond drawn up with great solemnity. When the book was bought, the affair was of so much importance that it was the custom to assemble persons of consequence and character, and to make a formal record that they were present at the sale. The library of the University of Oxford before the year 1400, consisted only of a few tracts, either of kept in chests, in the choir of St. Mary's church.

THE WASHINGTON UNION says that favorable despatches have been received by the government from Major Donelson, and that "his letters from Texas breathe great confidence as to the success of

tion of our propositions by the approaching Congress."

LATER FROM TEXAS.

The New Orleans Picayune of the 30th contains the following later news from the "Lone Star."

The steamship New York arrived here yesterday morning from Galveston, whence she sailed on the 26th inst. We have received our files to the morning of her day of departure. The intelligence is but a few days later than we received by the McKim last Thursday night. As usual, the papers are almost exclusively occupied with the discussion of the Annexation question. We have no occasion to change the opinions we have already expressed in regard to the feelings of the inhabitants of the country on this great subject. They are more nearly unanimous than could have been expected on a question so momentous, and upon the decision of which European influence has been so strongly and persistently brought to bear against the interests of the United States. The people of Texas are determined upon Annexation. Through their public meetings and the press they express themselves with an enthusiasm which cannot, we are persuaded, be borne down. Those who are openly or covertly opposed to the measures, express themselves in the most guarded & qualified terms, indicating their real convictions that it must be carried into effect, however they may, from any motive hostile to it. They deprecate any hasty action, and call for a calm and deliberate consideration of the great issues involved; but they do so in a tone which reassures us as to the sentiments of the great body of the people, which will ultimately settle the question in the right way in spite of the machinations of foreign diplomatists.

The Civilian and Galveston Gazette, which has been avowedly opposed to Annexation comes out in the last number before us with a very significant article. It does not hesitate to avow its preference for Independence, but it would at the least appear to intimate the opinion that if Annexation be defeated, it will be by the United States Senate. (Of course we have no fear of this.) The editor further declares that the last time he saw the President, which was previous to his election, he expressed himself in favor of the Union.

As to Gen. Houston's course, too, the same editor challenges any one to show that ex-President Houston, was or is, opposed to the measure. It is only doubtful whether he will emerge from his retirement to take part in the discussion of the subject now going on. We announced in our paper of Saturday that he was expected to address a meeting at Houston, on the 21st, in favor of Annexation. Houston papers of the 23d make no mention of such a meeting or address; from which we infer that he thought it useless to add his voice to swell the general cry.

Public meetings were held all over the country so far as heard from, to take the question into consideration. It is unnecessary to copy the resolutions passed. They breathe but one sentiment, so far as we have been able to discover, and that is as we have represented it.

In regard to the difference supposed to have occurred between Major Donelson and President Jones, a most satisfactory explanation is given in the National Register, published at Washington. The President was ill at the time of the Charge's arrival, but this did not prevent the presentation of the letter. The President was then only hesitating between appealing directly to the people or calling Congress together upon the latter of which courses he finally determined.

LATEST FROM MEXICO.

Advices have been received at New Orleans from Vera Cruz to the 21st ult, and from the city of Mexico to the 16th ult.

Gen. Almonte arrived at Vera Cruz on the 17th ult. in the Anahuac, from New York.

Mr. Shannon had not yet reached Vera Cruz.

There were at Sacrificos on the 20th ult. four American vessels of war; one English, one French and two Spanish vessels. The mines of the American vessels of war are not mentioned, but they were no doubt the squadron consisting of the Potomac, Falomah, Lawrence and Somers.

The Joint Committee of the Mexican Congress to which has been referred the subject of Texas reported at length on the 7th ult. They recommend two projects as follows:

The first is to proceed by a preamble, declaring that, whereas the United States have resolved to annex the territory of Texas; and whereas, such a mode of appropriating territory to which other nations lay claim, is a monstrous invasion upon the peace of the world and the sovereignty of other powers; and whereas, this act had long been in preparation, even while the United States were professing peace and friendship for Mexico, and while the latter respected and observed scrupulously the terms of existing treaties between the two countries; and whereas, the said annexation is a violation of every conservative principle of society, an assault upon the rights of Mexico, and an insult to her dignity as a sovereign nation; and whereas the Congress of the Mexican Republic solemnly declare, that the law of the American States for the annexation of Texas to the American Union, in no respect impairs the rights which Mexico possesses, and will maintain, to that department.

Furthermore, that the United States having disregarded the principles upon which are based treaties of amity, commerce and navigation, and more especially of boundary, Congress considers them violated by the United States.

And finally, that the unjust usurpation of which it is sought to make Mexico the victim, makes it his duty to take up arms in her defense, to oppose such usurpation and with the full and rightful determination to use all her resources and power to prevent the annexation decreed by the United States.

The second project consists of four articles, as follows:

First.—The Mexican nation calls upon her sons to defend their national independence, threatened by the usurpation of the territory of Texas, which is sought to be consummated by a decree passed by Congress, and sanctioned by the President of the United States.

Second.—Therefore the Government will consider itself at liberty (provida pover) to call forth its entire

permanent and active military force, agreeably to the authority given to it by existing law.

Third.—For the preservation of the public order, and the maintenance of her institutions in virtue of the power granted to it on the 8th of December, 1843, may levy the troops to which said decree refers under the name of defenders of independence and the laws.

Fourth.—With a view to the efficient maintenance of the rights of the republic, the Government is authorized to procure all extraordinary resources which may be deemed necessary, making known to Congress the necessary steps to be taken, conformably to the constitution.

No action was had by the Mexican Congress on these facts.

The agency for the payment of the Mexican debt to Great Britain has been taken from the house of Lizardi, in London, and given to Schneider & Co. Santa Anna was still at Perote, and little further progress has been made in his trial.

On the 9th ult. at Mexico, a most unnatural quarrel took place between a father and a son. They attacked each other with knives, and after mutually receiving many wounds, both fell and shortly expired.

RATHER SPUNKY. A young man lately paid his attentions to a young woman, and was prosperous in his suit, till he heard she was inclined to marry a missionary and go to the heathen. He asked her about it, and she confirmed the report, and at the same time, declared that her duty to the heathen required that she should give him up. Like a sensible man, he assured her that if she loved the heathen better than himself, he would not stand in the way, and the heathen might have her for all he cared. So the heathen got her, and the rejected lover is ready to try again.

MONEY DIGGING EXTRAORDINARY.—The keeper of the jail at Springfield, was induced week before last, by the representation of one of his prisoners, to go with him to Westfield in search of treasures, which he the prisoner, had concealed there. After searching in vain in two places, they proceeded in the evening to the third. What followed is thus described by the Hampshire Post:—

About 8 o'clock in the evening the two again proceeded to consummate the object of their visit to Westfield. Arriving at the place last designated, the negro measured off a given distance from the certain tree, and striking his spade into the ground, exclaimed in a tone of triumph:—"Here it is. I ain't mistaken this time no how. Now take off my hand-cuffs Boss Day, and I'll show you something worth looking at." The hand-cuffs were removed, and in an instant, instead of feasting his eyes on sparkling dress and uncounted treasures, Mr. Deputy Day found himself lying upon his back and surveying the stars of heaven as composedly as the prisoner's vice-like clutch upon his throat would permit. When he regained his feet the stars were shining as brightly as ever, there was the spade, there the hand-cuffs, and there too stood Deputy Day, but the prisoner had fled, leaving his old jail security from his return. The Deputy's glowing visions of jewelry and gold reclaimed from the freebooter's safe, had all vanished also. The next day he returned to Springfield alone, a wiser man for his expedition.

ELOPEMENT FULLY & CRIME.—A few days ago, a young man in Troy, N. York, by the name of St. Vanderheyden, came into possession of a sum of \$12,000 cash on the same day he attained his majority, and the same evening ran away with another man's wife. The woman is a Mrs. Wetmore—she is about 21 years old, and has been married five or six years. She is a handsome creature—an accomplished singer and pianist—is very respectable connected, and has moved in good society. The young man has heretofore borne a good character, is said to have been an obedient and affectionate son, the pride and hope of widowed mother. He is the victim of seduction; he has fallen a prey to the wiles and arts of a wicked woman.

Phonography.—We attended to examination Mr. Boyle's class in the science of phonography at the Tremont Temple, last Evening and were much interested in the exercises. Phonography is the art of writing by sound which is illustrated by characters representing sounds which enter into the composition of words.—Although the class had pursued this study but about six weeks they were enabled to write and read to the audience the remarks of their teacher, or other person, however long, with the rapidity of speech. This science appears to combine more than the rapidity of stenography with more than the legibility of common writing and may possibly supersede both.—Boston Post.

NEW POSTAGE LAW.

On the first of July the new law will go into operation. Letters will then be rated by their weight.—One half ounce, or less, making a single letter; two half ounces, a double one, &c. All franking, even by postmasters, will then be done away.—of this our subscribers who receive their papers by mail should take notice. Until that time postmasters will send money to pay for newspapers free; and all who are indebted to the printer should settle up while they have this opportunity, and it would be well to send one's advance payment, which will make a double saving.—We shall expect all our subscribers who are in arrears to the expiration of the present postage law. We are much in want of funds to meet the expenses of our printing establishment, and we ask every man who has been receiving the avails of our labors, not to withhold what is honestly due us.

MARRIED.

In Sweden, the 22d ult. by Rev. E. Mason, Mr. Simon H. Jones and Miss Elizabeth H. second daughter of Den. James Stuart.

In Cumberland, Mr. George Winslow to Miss Abigail V. Winslow, both of North Wymouth.

In Harrison, Mr. Stephen T. Whitney to Miss Bathrine Brown.

In Belfast, Elijah Nickerson to Miss Jerusha Tripp.

In Swanville, Daniel Smart to Miss Anie T. Smart.

The last doubt removed.—

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. J., Feb. 20, 1843.

About two months ago I was seized with a violent Cold, which soon caused raising of blood. I tried various remedies, but none did any good; but, on the contrary, my Cough increased, and it was feared it would result in Consumption. By accident, Dr. Wistar's Family Medical Guide met my eye, which recommended Elixum of Wild Cherry. I purchased a bottle, used it, and in one week ceased raising blood—my Cough entirely disappeared, and my health was completely restored, enabling me to attend to my business as usual.

JAMES W. WOODRUFF.

We, the undersigned, are acquainted with Mr. J. W. Woodruff, and can assure all who do not know him that his statement is entitled to full credit. Where he is known his word needs no endorsement.

APOLLOS M. ELMER, J. P. for the County of Essex, N. J.

ELIAS WINAN, J. P. for borough of Elizabethtown, N. J.

DIED.

In Hebron, 7th inst. Mr. Gideon Cushman, aged 95 years.

In Farmington, Den. Isaac Perkins, aged 71.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, George Berry, of Hartford, on the twenty-second day of April, A. D. 1843, conveyed to me, the subscriber, by his Mortgage Deed of that date, a certain tract or parcel of land laying in the town of Hartford, and County of Oxford, for a particular description of which reference may be had to said deed, recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds Book 67, Page 173; and whereas the condition of said Mortgage having been broken, I give this public notice to foreclose the same, agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.

LEMUEL COLE, Jr.

April 1, 1845.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, on the tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two, Caleb Woodward, mortgaged to the subscriber, certain real estate situated in the town of Waterford, in the County of Oxford, containing three hundred and fifty acres more or less, reference being had to said mortgage deed for a description of the premises, which is recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds Book 65, Page 237; and whereas the conditions of said mortgage have been broken, I hereby give notice thereof, and claim to foreclose said mortgage, agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.

THOMAS HAPGOOD.

Waterford, May 20, 1845.

The undersigned a Committee chosen by the town of Sweden for that purpose, would respectfully represent that the County road beginning near the dwelling house of Isaac Kimball, in Lovell, and running by the dwelling house of Daniel Knight, in Sweden, through the County of Fryeburg and Denmark intersecting the county road leading from Fryeburg to Bridgton near the Moose Pond Bridge, as at present located is not required for the public convenience, would be exceedingly expensive to construct, and but very little benefit to the time the construction of said road would be to them a grievous burden. We therefore respectfully request your Honors, after due notice to review said road and discontinue the same should you be satisfied it is not required for the convenience of the public; but should you determine otherwise we further pray your Honors to view and make such alterations as you may deem expedient.

In behalf of the town of Sweden.

W. H. POWERS, } Committee.

E. H. KILGORE,

BENJAMIN WEBBER, }

Sweden, March 17, 1845.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss.—At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of May, A. D. 1845.

ON the foregoing Petition, Ordered, That the Petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners will meet at Stephen Hartford's Tavern, in said Lovell, on the nineteenth day of August next, at ten o'clock, A. M., when they will proceed to view the route set forth in the petition; and immediately after such view, at some convenient place in the vicinity, will give a hearing to the parties and their witnesses, by causing attested copies of said Petition and of the Order of Notice thereon to be served on the Clerks of said towns of Lovell, Sweden, Fryeburg and Denmark, and by publishing like copies in three public places in said town of Lovell, Sweden, Fryeburg and Denmark, and by publishing the same three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices to be made, served, and posted, at least, thirty days before the said time of meeting, that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

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A true copy of said petition and order thereon.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Oxford, at their Session to be holden at Paris, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of May, 1845.

The undersigned respectfully represent that convenience and necessity require the location of a new County road commencing at the corner of the road near Sampson Reed's dwelling house in Hartford, thence near Sampson Reed's dwelling house in Hartford, thence near the dwelling house of near the dwelling house of Stephen Gammons, in Turner. Wherefore your Petitioners pray that after due proceedings had, you would view the premises, and if practicable locate said road of such part thereof as you in your wisdom may deem just and proper.

SAMPSON REED, & 43 others.

Hartford, May 7, 1845.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss.—At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of May, A. D. 1845.

ON the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners will meet at Stephen Gammons's house, in Turner, on the first day of July next, at ten o'clock, A. M., when they will proceed to view the route set forth in the petition; and immediately after such view, at some convenient place in the vicinity, will give a hearing to the parties and their witnesses, by causing attested copies of said Petition and of this Order of Notice thereon, to be served on the Clerks of said towns of Hartford and Turner, and by publishing the same three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, the first of said publications and each of the other notices to be made, served, and posted, at least, thirty days before the said time of meeting, that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

A true copy of the petition and order thereon.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

SAMUEL T. RAWSON, Deputy Sheriff, & Coroner, PARIS HILL OXFORD COUNTY.

All business by Mail, or otherwise, promptly attended to.

Feb. 14, 1845.

BOOT, SHOE, AND LEATHER STORE.

A. SEVENTEENTH, JR., PARIS HILL,

HAVING enlarged his business respectfully informs his friends and the public generally that he has on hand, and intends to keep,

A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S KID SHOES, MEN'S THICK AND THIN BOOTS AND SHOES, KID BINDING, THREAD, EGGS, BRUSHES, PINCHERS, SHOE-KNIVES, HEEL NAILS, &c. AND BLACKING OF PARISHES KIDS.

LIKewise—SOLE LEATHER AND ROBIN.

—ALSO—

A SMALL ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES.

CUSTOM WORK done, as usual, at short notice.

April 14, 1845.

SOUTH PARIS WOOLEN FACTORY.

THE SOUTH PARIS MANUFACTURING COMPANY would respectfully give notice that they continue the custom manufacturing business, and are now prepared to receive Wool to manufacture for customers, at the halves, or at the following rates, viz:

Cashmere, from	35 to 35 cts. per yd.
Fulled Cloth.	30 to 37 1/2 cts. per yd.
Salinet, and find warp,	25 to 33 cts. per yd.
Blanketing, over 2 yds wide,	25 to 35 cts. per yd.
White Flannel,	17 cts. per yd.
Colored do.	25 cts. per yd.
Colored and pressed,	25 cts. per yd.
Cloth Dressing,	8 to 17 cts. per yd.

A good assortment of the above named cloths will be kept at the Factory, and customers can be supplied with cloths on the delivery of their Wool.

All Wool should be well washed.

If any work goes out of their hands unfaithfully done, they hold themselves accountable for the damage.

Thankful to the public for the liberal share of patronage heretofore received, they hope, by their improvement in manufacturing and by despatch of business, for a continuance of their favors.

ISAAC HARLOW, Agent.

South Paris, May, 1844.

Guardian's Sale.

WILL be sold at the Store of the subscriber, in Rumford, County of Oxford, agreeably to a decree of the Probate Court of said County, on Saturday the 21st day of June next at two o'clock P. M., one sixth part in common and undivided of a certain piece of land situated in said Rumford on the South side of the Androscoggin River, bounded on the North by the road leading to Bethel, on the East by land of Benjamin Wardwell, on the South and West by land of C. Virgin, and in the property of Mellen E. and Franklin B. Bolster, minors.

OTIS C. BOLSTER.

Rumford, May 12th, 1845.

DR. WISTAR'S

Balsam of Wild Cherry.

THE best medicine known to man for insipient Consumption, Asthma of every stage, Bleeding of the Lungs, Coughs, Colds, Liver Complaint, and all diseases of the Pulmonary Organs, may be had of Agents named below.

—All published statements of cures performed by this medicine are, in every respect, TRUE.—Be careful and get the genuine "Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry," as spurious imitations are abroad.

Orders from any part of the country should be addressed to S. W. FOWLE 138 Washington St. Boston, sole agent for New England.

Agents.—Paris, Thomas Crocker; Norway, A. C. Denison & Co.; North Livermore, J. Coolidge, Canton Mills, J. M. Deshon; Dixfield, C. T. Chase; Rumford, Jos. Graham; Portland, J. & E. Beane; Waterville, J. F. V. Gould; E. Wilton, J. A. & E. Beane; Augusta, E. Fuller.—July 16

NOTICE—CAUTION!!

A person calling himself Norcross is travelling about the N. E. States, selling a spurious article of Paris Life Pills, with our name appended, which is a forgery and will be punished as a criminal offence.

Also, all persons who deal with said Norcross, or with any other person who may use our names, are cautioned that if they re-sell, they may make themselves equally liable. We are determined to prosecute all such encroachments upon our rights, and all such great public wrongs to the extreme of the law. Valuable information tending to procure the conviction of Norcross will be thankfully received and rewarded by the subscribers.

TH. ROBERTS & CO.

117 Fulton St. N. York.

July 1, 1844.

The patron of Parr's Life Pills will bear this in mind that all Agents for the sale of the "Genuine" are furnished with a certificate of Agency, signed SETH W. FOWLE, who is the sole Agent for New England. Office 138 Washington-street, Boston.

July 18, 1844.

Administrators Sale of REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of a license from the Probate Court for the County of Oxford, will be sold at public auction at the store of Otis C. Bolster, in Rumford, in said county on Saturday, the seventh day of June next, at two o'clock in the afternoon so much of the real estate of which Francis Cushman, late of said Rumford, died seized, as will produce the sum of three thousand dollars (including the reversion of the widow's dower therein if necessary) to pay the just debts, just claims, charges of administration and sale of the estate to be ceded consists of about one eighth of an acre of land with a store and shed on the same, situated at Rumford point, and about sixty acres of land with a dwelling house on the same situated in Bethel, in said county, being a part of the numbered six in the sixth range, also one pew in the meetinghouse at Rumford Point.

HESEKIAH HUTCHINS JR. Adminr.

Rumford, May 5, 1845.

JOSEPH RICKER.

late of Peru, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to him.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

April 8th, 1845.

TIMOTHY CARTER.

late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to him.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

April 8th, 1845.

BENJAMIN HERRING.

late of Norway, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to him.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

April 8th, 1845.

